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A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

"It's a difference of opinion that makes horse races," is one of the sayings of the likable characters of Mark Twain's, known as Pu'din-Head Wilson, and it's very true of human nature. Have you ever thought about the matter in a city sense. If you will just study the question a minute you will acknowledge that it's "a difference of opinion that makes cities" also.

It seems to be human nature to consider that place where you do not live or the place that is perhaps a little larger or a little distance removed from your home city is the best, most attractive and desirable as a home or place in which to do business. You will have to admit the truth of that statement. You yourself have felt that way about it.

But just stop for a minute and look around you. It is useless to tell in this article the many attractions of Columbus and Lowndes County. They are evident on every hand. Haven't we got the prettiest, cleanest and most healthful city in Mississippi, or better still, the South. It's just a matter of adjusting your opinion.

Now, what's the Chamber of Commerce for and what is the reason for connecting the Chamber of Commerce with opinions and horse races. It's just this, the Chamber of Commerce is the body which fosters and cultivates that "civic opinion" which makes us think that our town is the best.

If the Chamber of Commerce had never accomplished a thing in the way of industries or public improvements but had through its meetings and activities created a spirit of civic pride and determination it would be worth all it costs the community; in fact, it would be very cheap returns.

The community organization in a city to the north of us has demonstrated the "civic opinion" idea and the way faith in a community can be built up through the right kind of talk and action. In this place the organization has never sent out a letter, a news item or issued a copy of the monthly paper of the association, but that it has had in a conspicuous place the statement that "Business is good in Asheville." It has been displayed so much and confronted the people of that city so often that they have begun to believe that business is good there and though last year was a distressing year in business matters, Asheville has gone right ahead. That is just a sample of "civic opinion" and the way it works.

Next week we here in Columbus are going out in an organized effort to strengthen and better the working conditions and possibilities of our community organization. We believe that we have the best city for its size that can be found, we have faith in its future and we are going to prove it by "putting our bets on Columbus" because after all it's just a difference of opinion and in our opinion we have the winner.

BREWERY GIVES WAY TO PACKING HOUSE

Let those in this big and wicked city who doubt that the time draws nigh when we shall beat our swords into plowshares but read the simple dispatch from Huntington, West Virginia, which says:

"Owing to the prohibition situation in West Virginia, the West Virginia Brewing Company is to remodel its brewery and change it into a packing plant, at a cost of \$50,000 for the packing of hogs and cattle."

It has been long years since if ever in our fair state we boasted of the froth that surpasseth the understanding of our German fellow countrymen in Milwaukee; we have come to associate hops with the tailless leaping amphibians of the genus Rana; and have forgotten that barley goes into the manufacture of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors.

Indeed, in this we were pioneers; we deserve a place in history even with Kansas, which, with Chicago, shares the packing house honors of the nation. And now the porkfed metropolis of Illinois—synonym Chifeds—has found that it is able to subsist with its dramshops closed for one whole day during the week.

The bandwagon, as one of our contemporaries on Lake Michigan remarks, seems to be the waterwagon.

Let it be even so. The retrogressive and illiterate South, to quote again the Chicago Tribune, appears to be blazing the trail for our more advanced neighbors of the North. True, we still claim the champion Sunday soda water business of Mississippi, but our civilization is yet crude.

Let progress be unrestrained. Mississippi contains no brewery that can be converted into a packing house; but it contains several hundred thousand head of stock. We prefer the hopper to the hop and the swine to the serpent.—Meridian Dispatch.

COUNTY FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT.

The department of Agriculture of the National Government through its Farm Extension work, will donate \$60 to Lowndes County on condition that the county puts up \$1,000, so that a farm expert agent may be employed at a salary of \$1,600 per year. For this amount, we can secure a competent, experienced man. Some counties in Mississippi are paying their agents as high as \$2,000.

Prof. E. R. Lloyd of the A. & M. College, who is at the head of the extension work in this state, has promised to get us a man who will fit the place, or let the money stay in our treasury until he finds a suitable man. This is absolute assurance that we will not spend this money without getting full returns.

A petition asking for an election to determine whether Lowndes County shall employ a farm agent, signed by 477 taxpayers is on file with the board of supervisors and it is presumed that they will act on the petition in time to hold the election on Tuesday, November 2.

Every farmer and business man in the county who favors progress and wants to see our farming interests develop, should go to the polls and vote for the County Agent.

The loan to England and France—that has just been made evidently looked good to shrewd business men here in the United States, the way the bonds were so quickly taken up.

Mrs. Galt will adhere strictly to the made-in-America slogan in buying her trousseau.

It is up to General Carranza to make good.

Counterfeiting Charged.

Corinth, Miss., Oct. 11.—United States Deputy Marshal L. V. Carpenter arrested Dr. C. V. Tynes, a dentist of Belmont, in Booneville yesterday afternoon, and brought him to this city, where he was tried before United States Commissioner G. W. Bynum on the charge of making counterfeit money. He waived examination and made bail of \$2,000 to await trial at the next session of Federal court at Aberdeen next April. Dr. Tynes is said to be a very popular man in his home town. When officers attempted to arrest him he resisted and made his escape from Belmont to Booneville via automobile.

Investigates Passport Frauds.

Washington, Oct. 11.—It leaked out today that chief of the passport division of the State Department, R. W. Flournoy, Jr., has been in London several days and will go to Paris, Berlin and other capitals, investigating alleged forgeries of American passports and their alleged misuse by German agents.

Ohio Man Wins Wimbledon Cup.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 11.—Sergeant J. M. Jackson, of the First Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, won the Wimbledon cup and the title of the champion long range rifle shot today in the matches of the National Rifle Association. He made 98 out of a possible 100. He shot 20 shots at 1,000 yards, any make rifle.

Thou Shalt Not Kill.

The world-wide war that blazed up so furiously overnight is costing the contesting nations \$1,000 with every tick of the clock, or nearly \$4,000,000 an hour. Precious lives are sacrificed, homes bereft and children orphaned.

Why this awful waste? It is the natural result of man's passion for power. The world's fiercest war burst forth when civilization was boasting of its progress, when the new-born century was acclaiming its advanced civilization and its earnest purpose to elevate all mankind.

Why the world's most brutal and tremendous war at such a time? Charge it directly to man's unreason, credulity, envy, avarice and greed. Charge it to those who have sown the seed of discord with prodigal hands. What a harvest of weeds we are reaping!

Aside from the passion for power and the jealousies of rival rulers seeking to encompass the world with their might, there must be among the masses some state of mind that makes them yield readily to the warlike demands of their superiors.

The people have been taught in this generation on street corners, in legislative halls and on some forums that the masses are yoked to cruel toil by heartless taskmasters, that religion is hypocrisy, that the strong man's hand is against the weak, that wealth is unfairly distributed, that society owes to every one a living and if he does not get it, he can take it by force.

Monstrous doctrines! Rooted and established in this frame of mind, is it surprising that millions gladly to arms when selfish rulers, quick to sense the feverish conditions of the public pulse, drew the sword and bade the slaughter begin, without a thought or arbitration or a desire for peace?

As they have sowed, so must they reap. Bombs may fly, shrapnel mangle and bayonets stab, yet the divine commandment still stands inflexible, unchanged and unchangeable. "Thou shalt not kill."—John A. Schleicher, in Leslie's.

Taxes Now Due.

Tax books have been placed in the hands of the sheriff and notice is hereby given that all taxes are now due.

BATTLE BELL, Sheriff.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

The following is the program arranged for the meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union, which will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock by Group A., of which Mr. W. Allen Walton is captain:

1. Song—"Take Time to Be Holy."
2. Scripture Reading—Hosea 14. Response by T. E. Yarbrough and J. M. Moss.
3. Introduction by W. A. Walton.
4. Hosea 14:1, read by T. E. Yarbrough.
5. The Call to Repent, by Miss Olive Sanders.
6. Hosea 2:2-3, recited by Morris E. White.
7. The Expression of Their Repentance, by James Moss.
8. Song—"I Have Wandered Far Away From God," Miss Olive Sanders and chorus.
9. God's Treatment of Those Who Repent, Mrs. J. P. Harrington.
10. Hosea 14:9, Miss Mamie Dell Ellis.
11. The Wise People, Miss Lucy Lawley.
12. Solo—(Selected), R. M. Young.
13. Prayer.

Bids Wanted.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
County of Lowndes,
The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County will on the first Monday in November, 1915, the same being the first day of their regular monthly meeting, receive sealed bids or proposals for the building of a steel or concrete bridge across Howard Creek on the Military road, District

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By order of the board, this the 6th day of October, 1915.
B. A. LINCOLN,
Clerk.

Notice to Creditors.
The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.

Letters of Administration having been granted and issued to the undersigned upon the estate of W. J. Lowe, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1915.

This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, within one year from this date. Failure to so probate and register said claim will forever bar the same.

B. A. LINCOLN,
Administrator.
This, October 8th, 1915.

Notice of Letting Contract to Construct Roads.

Notice is hereby given that the Highway Commission of the Fourth Supervisors District, of Lowndes County, Miss., will up to Thursday, October 14th, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., receive sealed bids for Grading, Draining, Hauling, and placing surfacing material according to plans and specifications now on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the said county of Lowndes, State of Mississippi, the following roads in said district, to-wit:

- (1). Macon and Moore's Bluff Road.
- (2). Part of Penn to Columbus Road.
- (3). Crawford to Prairie Hill.
- (4). From Crawford-Prairie Hill Road on the Moore's Bluff Road to C. B. Hardys.
- (5). Crawford east to Charity Church.
- (6). Crawford west to County Line.

The Commission will also at the same time receive bids on surfacing material and cast iron pipe.

Plans and specifications on the said work may be seen at the Chancery Clerk's office at Columbus, or may be had by application to Gus E. Hauser, consulting engineer, Columbus, Miss. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$1500, made payable to W. E. Cox chairman, and the check will be held of the successful bidder until he execute bond, which bond must be made by some guaranty company satisfactory to said Commission, in a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the work to be performed.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Columbus, Miss., this the 20th day of September, 1915.
W. E. COX, Chairman,
S. F. POTTS,
N. D. LEDBETTER, Sec'y.
Highway Commissioners of Fourth District.

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